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TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Michael T. Dougherty, District Attorney

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Ms. Melanie Klein
Executive Director
Boulder Shambhala Center
1345 Spruce Street
Boulder, CO 80302

Dear Ms. Klein,

This letter is in response to the recent articles published in the Boulder Daily Camera regarding the emerging sexual assault allegations against Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche and in regards to the Boulder Shambhala Center.

At the District Attorney's Office, we have a nationally-recognized Sexual Assault Unit comprised of attorneys dedicated to the prosecution of sexual offenses. It is the well-established practice of our Office to not only prosecute cases, but to engage in proactive community outreach regarding the options available in reporting cases of sexual misconduct, including an explanation of the law enforcement response.

We recognize that the Boulder Shambhala Center is taking direct action to address these allegations within your community of faith. We are also aware that you are currently in the process of creating a series of practice and conversation sessions for your members. In this regard, we would welcome the opportunity to be a part of these sessions. At such a meeting, we would be happy to share with the Center community the criminal justice process, the procedures for reporting allegations of sexual misconduct, and also provide resource information regarding support services and victim advocacy options available in Boulder. It is a priority to us that the protection of our laws is made available to all members of our community.

We are happy to discuss this further at your convenience. If your involvement in this process is of interest to you and the interim Board of Directors, please feel free to contact me, at (303) 441-3798.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Dougherty
District Attorney